



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Luis Rafael HERRERA) Title: PROCESS FOR OBTAINING
ESTRELLA) TRANSGENIC PLANTS HAVING
Serial No.: 09/701,589) IMPROVED NUTRIENT UPTAKE
Filed: November 29, 2000) CAPACITY AND TOLERANCE TO TOXIC
COMPOUNDS PRESENT IN SOILS
Attorney Docket: TJK/137
Group Art Unit: 1655
Examiner: J. Taylor

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Office Action dated June 13, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of the term for response, from the present term of September 13, 2001, up to a new term of December 13, 2001.

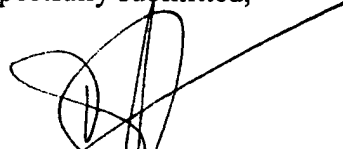
A check is enclosed in the amount of \$460.00 for this three-month extension.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2126 for any additional fee deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,



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